

# September 2010

## District 2 Building Strong Neighborhoods

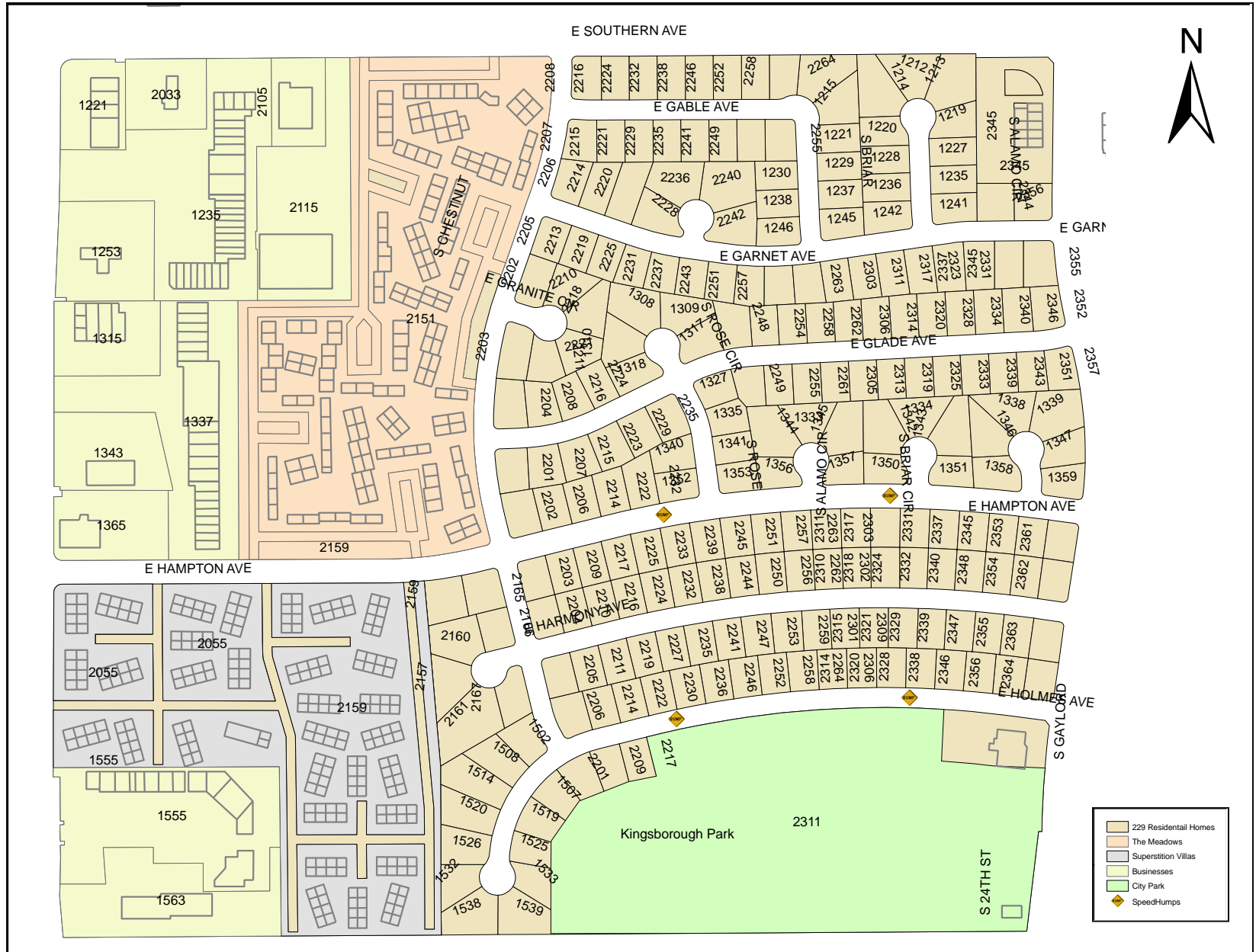


# Program Goals

- Assist residents in identifying neighborhood issues and concerns
- Help residents learn how to use City programs and services
- Form resident teams based on top issues of concern
- Enhance communication and activities for the betterment of the neighborhood
- Register the Neighborhood



# Neighborhood Boundaries



# Neighborhood Characteristics

Southern to US 60/Gilbert to 24<sup>th</sup> Street

## **Residential**

- 222 Housing Units
- 727 Population
- Average Household 3.3
- 85% home ownership

## **Two multi-family communities**

- 549 Housing Units
- 1079 Population
- Average Household 2.3

*According to 2000 US Census Data*

# Kick-off Meeting 09-16-2010





# Fifteen City Departments



# Six non-profit agencies attended



- AZ Red Cross
- Child Crisis
- Community Bridges
- Community Dental Foundation
- Housing our Communities
- United Food Bank

# Two local businesses



- Advanced Energy Efficiency & Environmental Quality (AE3Q)
- Sam's Club



# Survey Results



- 63 surveys completed and returned

# Survey Says...

- 42% agree that homes/yards are well maintained while 52% disagree
- 38% say their neighborhood is free from drug/gang activity while 46% disagree
- 31% say cars travel the speed limit in the neighborhood
- 75% know your neighbors, 58% feel safe
- Mature trees, friendly neighbors
- Convenient to freeways and shopping
- Affordable, near park and fire station

# Survey Comments

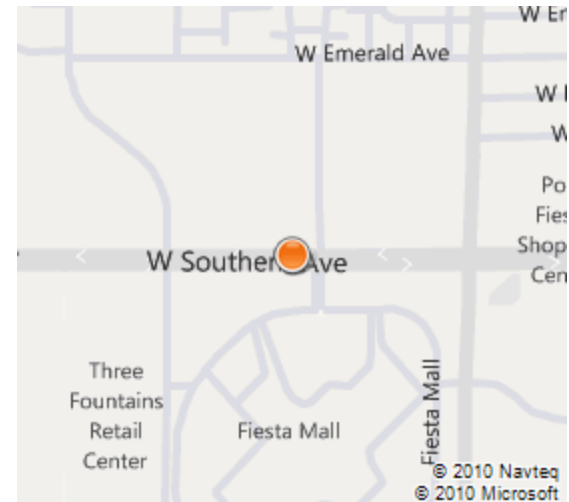


- Would Like to Change
  - Slow down traffic, eliminate parked cars on yards, better yard maintenance, more neighborhood interaction, clean up vacant houses, not so many garage sales, have people put back black & blue barrels after pickup instead of leaving them in the street all week
- Most important issue facing your neighborhood
  - Foreclosures/vacant homes, unsupervised children and teenagers on the street at all hours, crime, vehicle speed, trashy yards, weeds, the economy and job losses make it very difficult to keep homes and yards adequately maintained



# Food donated by Pancho's

Pancho's Mexican  
Buffet  
1356 W Southern Ave  
Mesa, AZ 85202



# Kick-off meeting door prizes



Target Gift Card



Complimentary  
Comprehensive Energy  
Evaluation from AE3Q

# more door prizes...



MCI Calling Card



Contemporary Arts  
Museum tickets



# In the neighborhood...



# 2 tire bins were NOT enough!



# Clean Sweep/Green Sweep

45.4 tons of debris / 16 tons of green waste



**61 total tons removed in  
dumpsters**



# Traffic Team



- Two residents participated
- Streetlight outages reported
- Speed Calming measures discussed
- Got Graffiti? Call 480-644-3083

# Code Team & Survey Concerns



- Outside storage
- Weeds
- Building without a permit
- Green pool
- Parking on the yard
- RV/Boat parking

# Code Compliance Results

- 46 new cases were opened with 67 violations
- 35 cases were closed after Courtesy letters were mailed
- 5 cases were closed on or before November 5
- 6 cases remained open after November 5
  - 2 - weeds, housing issues and/or outside storage
  - 2 - housing issues, foreclosure
  - 1 - boat parking
  - 1 - stagnant pool



# Neighborhood Team

- Fourteen residents participated
- Neighborhood Registered
- Contact Susan at [susan.frabotta@mesaaz.gov](mailto:susan.frabotta@mesaaz.gov) to sign up for timely email alerts on city events & programs!



# Public Safety Contacts:

- Lindy Marino -  
Crime Prevention  
Specialist  
480-644-3921
- Red Mountain Patrol  
4333 E University  
480-644-2599  
Non-emergency  
480-644-2211  
Emergency 9-1-1
- **A good neighbor  
is one of the most  
effective  
crime prevention  
tools ever  
invented!**



# Volunteers Projects

- Neighborhood Curb Numbers Painted



# Safety information, park clean-up, dumpster location clean-up





# 24<sup>th</sup> Street wall painted, weeds removed



# World and United States maps for Porter Elementary



Special thanks to Principal LaMantia,  
Lori Scott and all of the Porter  
Elementary staff for the use of their  
school and assistance



Thank you to all of the residents and  
volunteers who participated in this  
Building Strong Neighborhoods  
Initiative

# **Strengthening Mesa One Neighborhood at a Time**

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